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Mr. Campanaro Chats About Chance Books

by Keeth Fiocco

For this issue of *Highpoint*, I interviewed Mr. Campanaro regarding his thoughts on the chance book drive.

Mr. Campanaro has been collecting the money raised and making announcements about the progress of the drive for the past fifteen years.

He informed me that the purpose of the chance-book drive is to raise money for student activities. Without

this drive, many student activities would not be funded. For example: the Special Olympics cost over \$5,000 to put on.

The top sellers in the school were: Joe Scarpinito, sophomore, \$386; Sr. Peggy Linahan \$280; Shivone Alphonso, freshman, \$200.

The top homeroom in the school was homeroom 103. This is Mr. Quattrochi's homeroom, and they managed to raise over 100% of their

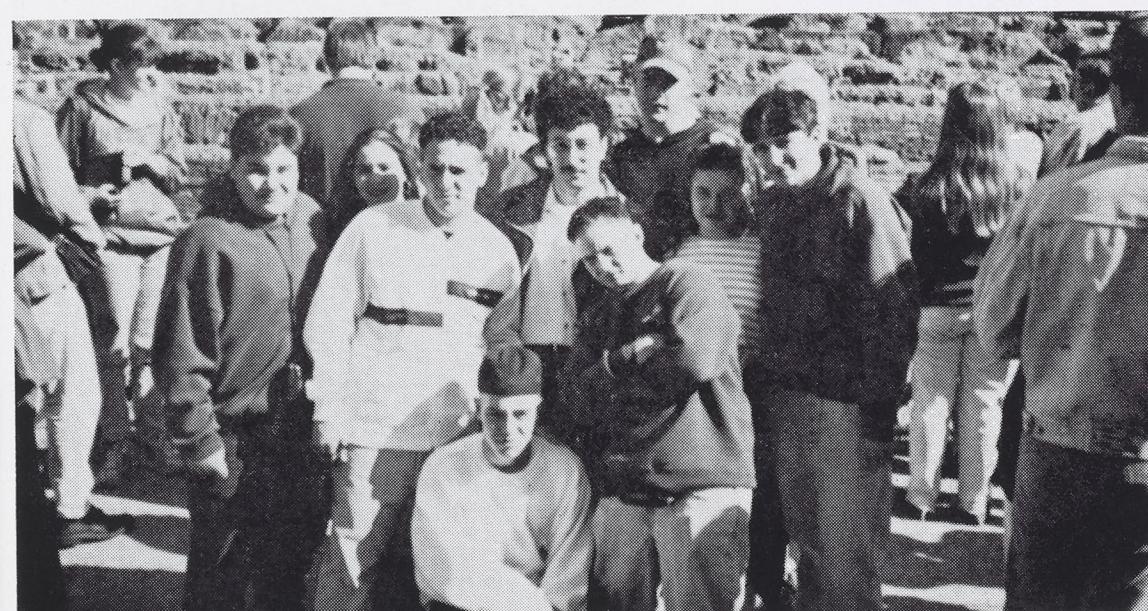
quota. They raised over \$2,000.

As the interview came to an end, Mr. Campanaro said one last thing: "I do think we had a successful year. We raised \$35,107, \$107 over our quota, but I am disappointed at how long it took to get the money in. It's hard to get all the money in, especially when there are people who did not do their part. It's sort of a shame that we all can't do what we're supposed to do."

Falcons Fly To England, France And Italy During Easter Break



During the Easter recess, fifteen Ford students, accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Stephen, toured with EF Educational Tours through London, Paris and Rome. The trip included a stop at Canterbury Cathedral and crossing the English Channel from the white cliffs of Dover to Calais. After the splendor of Paris came the night train to Pisa, then on to Florence and Rome. Standing, left to right: Dr. and Mrs. Stephan, Jennifer Cruz, Dennis Cole, Chental Cuin, John Lugo, Larry Rossi, Craig Motisi, Tina LaBattaglia, Vashti Johnson (obscured), Candice Glasgow, Elizabeth Stephan, Verena McKenzie, Gina Ragaini, and Kelly Poore. In front: Jennifer Smith, Deborah Lopez, and Heidi Milkola.



During the same break, eight Ford students, accompanied by Mr. Quattrochi, visited Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rome and Pompeii. Standing, left to right: Joseph Scarpinito, Julie D'Ottavio, John Petruni, Mr. Quattrochi, Matthew Cushe, Joseph Molinaro, Anella D'Ottavio, Anthony Tart. In front: Thomas Barone.

N.H.S. Plans Spring Plant Sale



Members of the National Honor Society's Banner Committee preparing a banner for Environmental Awareness Day.

by Jeannie Hancock

In March, the National Honor Society participated in Environmental Awareness Day by preparing a banner for the occasion. The banner committee, co-chaired by Jennifer Di Vietri and Christine Goldston, met several mornings in an effort to design the banner. The committee consisted of many NHS members who volunteered time in the morning to make the banner the success it was. As a result of NHS's desire to promote Environmental Awareness Day, an article of the National Honor Society's work was published in local newspapers.

On the 13th of April, NHS held a meeting to discuss plans for the spring. NHS member Mary Ellen Gambino proposed a spring plant sale. President Jennifer DiVietri brought the proposal of a plant sale to the floor, and it was unanimously agreed upon by all the National Honor Society members. The following interviews were conducted to gain an insight into how the members felt about the proposal:

Gina Cicco: "The Spring Plant Sale sponsored by the National Honor Society will be the first of its kind. In the entire history of Bishop Ford, there has never previously been a plant sale; it is a new idea with a very special cause."

Several Bishop Ford students participated in the Special Olympics. The profits made from the plant sale will be donated to Special Olympics. Hopefully, the plant sale will be as big a success as several NHS members have predicted, so the Special Olympics will continue in our school.

Kelly Poore: "I think it's a great idea. It makes people want to get involved because they will benefit from it, as well as the school. A lot of people sometimes forget to get something for their mothers on Mother's Day; this activity is a good way to remind them."

There will be a great variety of plants available for the students to order. And the profits will be donated to Special Olympics.

Another event the National Honor Society is devising is a social, celebrating the success of the graduating seniors. The underclassmen NHS members will help arrange this event, which will take place during the last week of May.

The National Honor Society would like to close the year with a quote from their dedicated and outstanding NHS coordinator, Mrs. Leggio Carilli: "The year was very successful for NHS. Meetings were always well attended, and members were eager to participate on committees."

The Editor and Staff of HIGHPOINT
Extend to the
Graduating Class of 1994
Congratulations and Best Wishes
for the Future.

President Clinton's Health Care Plan WILL Be Financed By New Or Higher Taxes That We Will Pay

by Dominic Lazaro

Health care is still a prevalent concern in the United States. President Clinton maintains that his plan is the most comprehensive and cost-effective choice. The President has gone to great lengths to make it appear as if his plan will not place the burden of payment on the taxpayer. President Clinton claims that his plan will not be the cause of a federal tax increase. He claims this on the grounds of his attempted write-off of Regional Health Care Alliance funds that can only be garnered on an increase in tax rates. The implementation of the Clinton Health Care Plan will involve an increase in federal tax rates.

Health care under the Clinton's calls for the institution of Regional Health Care Alliances that would see to the affairs of health care in their respective areas of jurisdiction. It is a given that with different Health Care Alliances, there will be different standards of income. Although no one likes to place a dollar value on the vital, perhaps priceless services of health care, the reality is that it takes money to run a health care system. The health care system of Canada was the model on which a good portion of the Clinton Health Care plan was based. Earlier this year, that system had a crisis, because they lacked the funds that were necessary to render services that were not life or death situations. The Canadian health care system was parlayed due to a lack of funds. This was a real health care crisis, unlike the one that certain politicians in this country would have you believe in.

Some regions will have greater health care needs than others (New York would require a larger amount of health care than North Dakota). The constituents of one region will have greater demands than those of another. Under the Health Care Alliances there will be no standards, no equality and no universal costs. Besides setting the table for a dangerous destabilization of the country's health care system, this plan is still going to need a lot of money to function, and the President must stop dancing around the reality that the taxpayers are the ones who are going to shoulder this burden.

A federal tax is not what the Clintons wanted their Health Care Plan to be associated with. To avoid this, they designated the Regional Health Care Alliances in each state where 80 percent of health care insurance premiums would be paid by businesses to the Alliances (when businesses are mentioned, it is important not only to think of gigantic "mega-corporations" like IBM or Exxon but also small local businesses that either you or someone you know could own). Under the Alliances, tax money would not have technically gone to Washington, so the Clintons tried to escape the notion that their plan involved a federal tax. No matter how it is phrased, this health care plan will be paid for with tax money, and possibly more than income taxes, because when businesses of any size are no longer able to afford these premiums, they will fire people. It will not hurt a large corporation, but it will hurt a small business. Hillary Clinton has stated, "I am not out to protect every small business in America." She has come up with a contemporary restatement of "Let them eat cake."

The director of the Office of Management and Budget, Leon Panetta, attempted to defend the Clinton health package by stating, "The people need to understand that our approach to this is that whatever relates to the federal government, this health care plan is, in fact, on-budget. If it relates to Medicare, to veteran's health, those are on-budget. The only area that is not on-budget are the premiums that people will pay on their insurance coverage, not to the federal government, but to the Alliances that will basically pay them to the insurance companies." Robert Reishour of the Congressional Budget Office testified before the Ways and Means Committee that the premiums of the Clinton Health Care Plan cannot be off-budget, because it is a tax increase by a government mandated institution, the Regional Health Care Alliances.

President Clinton is very concerned about the federal deficit. At least, he goes out of his way to make it look as if he is immensely concerned with the deficit, even during the weighing of his health care plan. Outlandish claims have been made by the President and Leon Panetta that by 1997, the budget plan of his health care will cut 140 billion dollars in that year alone out of the deficit. Panetta cited the numbers from the Congressional Budget Office were used to appropriate this "real deficit reduction." Once again, Robert Reishour of the Congressional Budget Office brought reality into the equation of these values. Reishour testified that, "After six years, the federal budget deficit will be increased by seventy-six billion. The Clinton Health Care Plan, because of Medicare cuts and resulting savings, will increase, over six years, the deficit by fifty-eight billion dollars." The President's own Congressional Budget Office has shown that he is wrong by 134 billion dollars.

President Clinton is now unable to candy-coat his health care plan as a tax-free benefit for all of the United States. It is, indeed, a federal tax that he cannot write off. If people cannot use straight facts and figures in the planning of an American health care system, then we may suffer the same paralysis as Canada's health care system, or one that is even longer. It appears that this is what happens when Hillary Clinton has the power to hold secretive meetings with people who are not even health care professionals to decide the fate of the American medical industry.

McKenna Visits Nazi Death Camp

by John J. McKenna

Have you ever been in an EVIL place? I have. Last May I visited a place where evil once thrived. This place is called Mauthausen; it is the site of a Nazi Death Camp.

The approach to the camp was a long road that twisted through the Austrian countryside. As I drove up the road, I saw the walls of what looked like a fortress, but these walls did not protect people, these walls trapped them inside. The smoke stack from the crematorium seemed to say to me, "Yes, this is the place."

The first thing that caught my eye was the guard post. I could see where the SS guards stood at the gates to make sure no one could escape or see the horror. The guards, those ministers of death, murdered 20,000 people at Mauthausen alone. Gentile and Jew, Communist and Capitalist were all killed in the name of National Socialism and Aryan Purity.

The whole camp was covered with sand and gravel. The grey dust that blew into the wind seemed to form the image of emaciated prisoners. I felt the chill of Death's cold hand as I entered the cells where the prisoners awaited their cruel end. The cold, dark cells intensified the overwhelming feeling of death.

Next, I passed the crematorium, the ashes of human beings still filling the ovens. Even this did not prepare me for the gas chambers. My mind conjures up images of the prisoners choking to death while desperately trying to escape. These souls will live in my mind forever.

Perhaps the worst of all the evils that I saw at Mauthausen was the dissection room. This room is where Nazi doctors butchered live human beings in what they called "medical experiments." The stains of bodily fluids are reminders of the great pain suffered in that room.

As I drove away from the camp, I swore to myself that I would not sit idly by and allow this to happen again. If people had spoken out against the Nazis sooner, maybe this holocaust would have been prevented. I will not let the Nazis rise again; I will speak out. In Germany and Austria the Neo-Nazi movement is once again on the rise. While I was in Austria, the Nazis, fire-bombed a homeless shelter in Stuttgart, Germany. They have attacked groups of immigrants, and many of these attacks have ended in death.

Will murder once again be condoned in the name of racial purity?

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TERRENCE SHASHATY
on his appointment to the
United States Naval
Academy at Annapolis

Hand Guns Clearly Contribute To The Deaths Of Many Innocent Children In The U.S.

by Shariyfah Ahmed

Everyday in America, 14 children, aged 19 and under, are killed in gun accidents, suicides and homicides. With gun violence continuing in our society, we must find ways to prevent gun accidents and murders.

Most of the gun violence in our society is triggered by disturbed individuals. Teenagers who own guns, usually have them for protection. Having one for protection can lead to careless accidents. Every neighborhood should organize meetings to discuss crime and violence. In neighborhood group meetings, citizens can resolve this problem.

Society usually avoids the topic of crime. Everyday we watch the news and hear about a child being killed or an innocent bystander. It's very disturbing to hear about anyone being killed. When gun violence is the cause, it's even more upsetting.

To Tip Or Not To Tip, That Is The Question

by John J. McKenna

To tip or not to tip, that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous service quietly, or by stiffing the waiter, oppose them. To dine, to enjoy, perchance to actually get to the theater on time!

In our changing society, we are faced with many decisions. Perhaps one of the most difficult and controversial, when I'm out and about with the hoi polloi, the debate over tipping. I feel that this debate is an extension of the unending battle between those who have social graces and the "users."

In years gone by, a tip was a reward for good service. A tip was given to a servant who did everything possible to make a meal, haircut, cab ride, delivery or any other personal service, a pleasurable and unincumbered one.

Knowing that they might get extra money if they performed well, these servants would work harder to please. This is the basis of a society that rewards a job well done, and emphatically informs someone who has given a sub-performance that his work was not up to par.

Those who tip, no matter how atrocious the service, do us all a disservice; those who do not tip, no matter how good the service, are no better. Most waiters and waitresses are paid minimum wage or little better, but with the promise of good tips for their good work. If we do not "reward him according to his work" * as the Bible suggests, we condone the "users." Those are the people who take our time, talent and good work without thought or even a mere thank you.

* The second epistle of Paul the Apostle to Timothy — 4:14

Congratulations to Ford's Chalk Circle Players for mounting a truly superlative production of Eugene O'Neill's Ah, Wilderness

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Alyce Dolinski: All-Around Athlete And Scholar

by Ewa Sadowski

When one thinks of the world of athletics here at Bishop Ford, one might think about seniors Jennifer Polansky and Kelly Flahive, the school's top stars. However, little or no mention is made of another hardworking, promising young athlete whose name just happens to be Alyce Dolinski. Just recently Alyce and I had a phone conversation, and she told me many revealing things about who she really is.

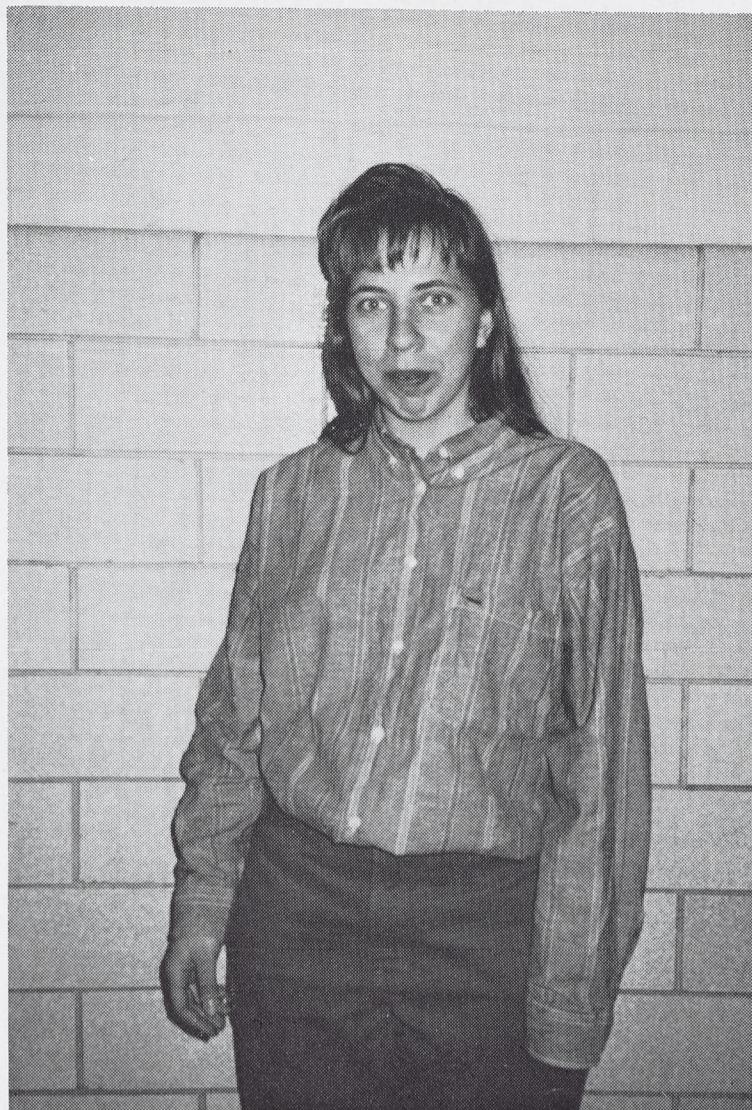
Miss Dolinski is a native of Brooklyn who, at the age of 6, began to shape herself into the sportswoman that she is today. Says Alyce, "I was always jealous that my father played baseball with my brothers, and I wanted to get into the action." As a result, Mr. Dolinski signed his daughter into the Little League when she was about 6 or 7 years old, where her love for sports continued to grow.

Miss Dolinski has played varsity softball since the beginning of freshman year, she played regular j.v. volleyball sophomore year, but she managed to move up to varsity volleyball in her junior year. Also, since the freshman year, Miss Dolinski was manager of the girl's varsity basketball team, as well as tri-captain, with Jennifer Polansky and Laura Manning.

Besides sports, Alyce is also part of *Highpoint* and a peer group leader. Asked about her favorite activity, she was quick to answer, "Playing softball, because it reminds me of how I used to play baseball. I miss it a lot." But if you think this is all there is to this very talented and busy individual, you've got another think coming.

Besides associating herself with Bishop Ford, Alyce takes karate lessons in her neighborhood and is an active member of the Cypress Hills East New York Youth Council near where she lives. The what? Yes, a youth center where young people like ourselves try to make a difference in their community. "What do you do at the youth center?" I asked with curiosity. Miss Dolinski replied, "I'm the editor of the Youth Council newspaper called, "Youth Speaks," plus the other members and myself try to make our neighborhood a better place in which to live. We're trying to help people, trying to help stop the crime; we council others in need. We try to clean up the streets, work with police officers, work in soup kitchens, etc.

Sometimes all this business and stress builds up to the point where Alyce just can't take it anymore and wants to give up, because she wants more time to spend with her



Alyce Dolinski

friends, do more studying at home, and get homework done earlier. Usually after school I practice a sport, and from there I go straight to karate practice. Later I stop and talk to a cop." (Alyce knows all the cops in her precinct.)

I come home at 8:00 p.m. and go to sleep at midnight." After a short pause, she adds, "But I also feel sports keep me from getting into trouble. I get energy knowing that if I don't practice, I won't be better. I want to be all that I can be, except I don't want to be in the army." At that we both laugh.

The athlete who remains on the first honors list with a 92% average and who used to be in the church choir and functioned as an altar server, plans on going to Queens College in the fall, where she's going to major in political science. Alyce is undecided about the aspect of political science she'll take. I'd like to be a lawyer, cop, or physical education teacher."

At the end of our conversation, Miss Dolinski said, "I would like to play for the women's baseball team, the Silver Bullets." Also, I feel that whatever you want to be, don't let anyone stop you. Don't be intimidated by what people say, and don't be phony. I don't like phonies.

Eighteenth Annual Junior Ring Night Takes Place

by Jahmel K. Weary

May 11th, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. was a time for all juniors to celebrate the transition from junior year to senior year. This night was Bishop Ford's eighteenth annual Ring Night Ceremony. During the ceremony, usually a prayer is said and the rings are blessed, wishing juniors luck as they approach what life has in store for them in the real world. Besides the juniors participating in the ring ceremony, parents, as well as students, were invited to the social gathering after.

Later on in the month, with the support of the juniors, the junior class president and the junior activities coordinator will proceed with our plans for the junior dance. This night will be a night to treasure, and a moment you'll never forget!

The last day of classes for seniors is Friday, May 20. The last day of classes for Juniors is Wednesday June 8. The last day of classes for sophomores and freshmen is Thursday, June 9.

Naja Interviews Jennifer Polansky



Jennifer Polansky

by Naja McClean

Jennifer Polansky is a senior at Bishop Ford High School. She is an all-round athlete. She participated in girls varsity basketball, softball and volleyball. To top that off, she is a member of the National Honor Society.

Q. How long have you been playing basketball?

A. I began playing basketball in the sixth grade.

Q. Did you ever think you could score over 1000 points when you came in as a freshman?

A. No, I never really thought about it when I came to Bishop Ford.

Q. Do you plan on playing

basketball in college? If you know, which college will you attend?

A. Yes, I plan to; I hope to. I'm not sure which college I will attend.

Q. Do you see any NBA player as a role model for you?

A. I see Michael Jordan as a role model for me, because when he plays basketball, he's not only a player, he is an entertainer as well.

Q. How would you feel about a women's professional basketball association?

A. It sounds like a good idea.

Q. Of all the sports you have participated in, which do you favor the most? Why?

A. Basketball; it has always been my favorite.

Q. Do you have any goals to achieve in the future?

A. To get through college.

Q. What is one thing you're going to miss about Bishop Ford?

A. Everybody, and playing basketball with all of my friends.

Q. How do you participate in so many sports and still keep your grades up?

A. I don't know, but it's very hard to do.

Congratulations, Jennifer, you had a great season. It was great having you play basketball with us and for us.

Me' Shell Ndege Ocello

by Shariyfah Ahmed

Me' Shell Ndege Ocello ("free like a bird" in Swahili) is a hip-hop song stylist. She created a funk and jazz grime on her soulful debut album, "Plantation Lullabies." Her album has songs that deliver poetic commentary on drugs, race and rage. Her album features songs that have a positive message. Me' Shell is politically correct in her songs, which have something to say on social issues.

Jody Watley is a singer, song-writer and pop-music veteran. Whatley offers a more mature sound this year. Her new album, "Intimacy," delivers smooth, soulful songs about love. Her album is a message about commitment, relationships and understanding. Watley gives her audience positive lyrics with a good dance beat. "Intimacy" is an album that you'll enjoy.

Best of Luck to
KELLY ANN FLAHIVE
who will be attending the
Naval Academy Prep. School
in Rhode Island

Best wishes to the
Class of 1994
for a delightful Prom!
Terrace on the Park
27 May – 8:00 P.M.

Special Olympics Held At Ford

by Hawah E. Laval

As you all know, the Special Olympics is long gone, but it was a memorable day for all of the Bishop Ford students who took time out of their busy lives and volunteered to bring laughter and encouragement to all of the disabled children around the Brooklyn area.

Those who could not attend missed out on some good fun and challenging games. However, the activities were different from the year before, and some additional games were even held downstairs in the cafeteria.

Later on, the students and the competitors went downstairs to a rearranged cafeteria to eat lunch, fixed by the Bishop Ford volunteers, which included hot dogs, Arizona's ice tea, fruit cocktail, and chocolate and vanilla ice cream.

In the end, awards were given out to the children who intensified their efforts. Both students and competitors are winners. Way to go, Bishop Ford!

Steven Spielberg Wins Seven Oscars

by Jahmel K. Weary

This year, movie producers, directors, etc. have been booming in business! Several movies have ranked very high in terms of producing special effects and dramatization. On the night that the Oscar awards were presented, no movie producer received more awards than the phenomenal Steven Spielberg, who directed *Schindler's List*, a movie based on Oscar Schindler and the Holocaust.

Go see it; the movie is very educational, as well as entertaining, and it's playing right now at a theatre near you.

Vauxhall And I Is A Great Album

by Vincent Lijoi

This album review is on the new album by Morrissey entitled *Vauxhall And I*. Vauxhall Gardens was a 19th century pleasure ground in London famous for art shows, concerts, fireworks and love affairs. Like the park, this album provides much frivolity and enticement. There are tight, barely disguised Smiths-like melodies that support the tauntings of songs like "The More You Ignore Me, the Closer I Get." This is a great album by one of Britain's most ironic pop stars.

The album is on the Sire/Reprise record label and is available in all record stores.

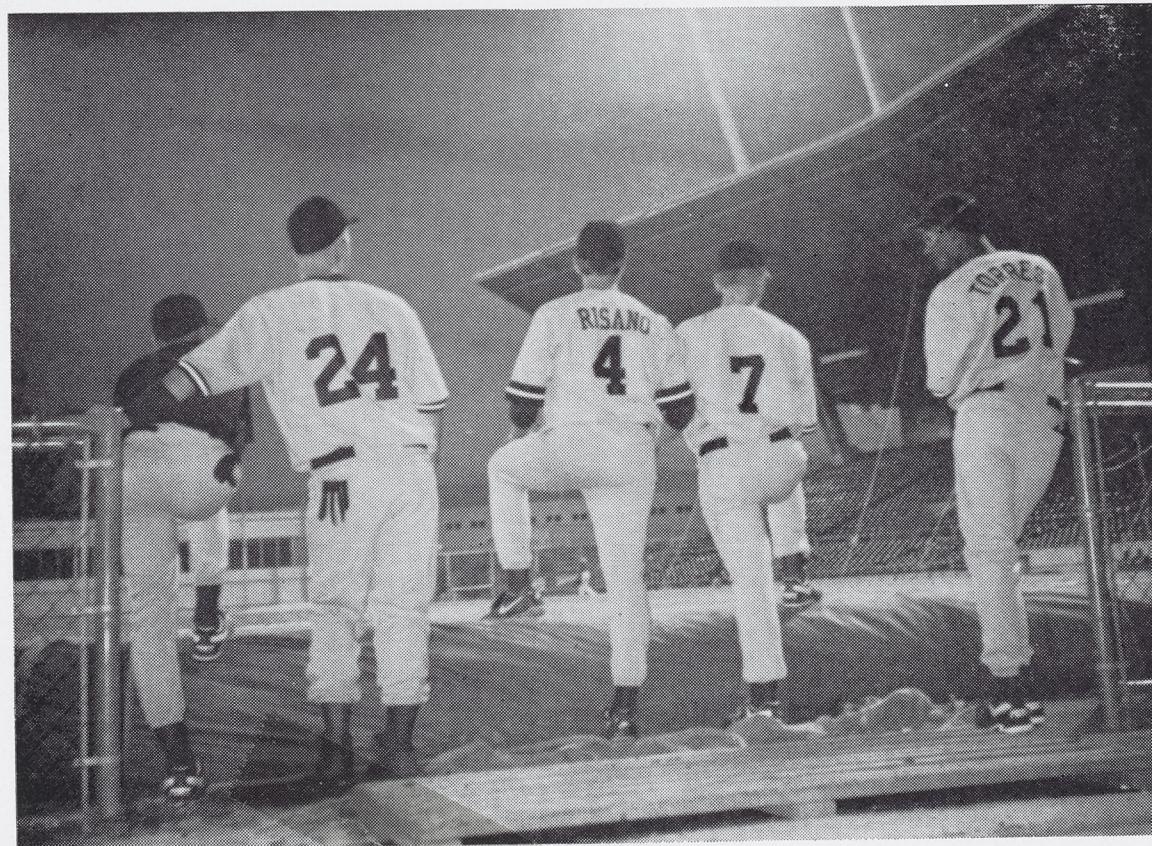
Summer's Lease Hath All
Too Short a Date

Bishop Ford's Varsity Baseball Team Visits Puerto Rico For Spring Training



Members of the Bishop Ford varsity baseball team who traveled to Puerto Rico during the spring break, pictured above: (Standing, left to right) Coach Fernandez, Brian Risano, James Casino, Rob D'Arcangelo, Ronald Marietta, John Giunta, Joe Modica, Tom Hockenberry, Eric Doughty, Chris Phelan, Coach Goyco. Kneeling: Nick Chaousy, Joe Morici, Joe Mirakay, Frank DeCaro, Sal Randazzo, Adam Modica, Rickey Torres.

Rest And Relaxation Constitute An Essential Element In Our Falcons' Trip To Puerto Rico



While our Falcon's visit to Puerto Rico was filled with hard work, followed by victory after victory on the field, there was ample time for R & R. A good deal of effort was expended sunbathing on Puerto Rico's lovely beaches and sightseeing around the island.

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FIRST ANNUAL STUDENT ACTIVITIES AWARDS LUNCHEON
WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE AFTERNOON OF
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Swedish Ace Of Base Rocks The World

by Alyce Dolinski

Ace of Base is a new group from Sweden that has been stealing the number-one spot on the Top 40. *The Sign* has been the number one song for awhile. *All That She Wants* was their first song released and played on the radio on all waves. Will they be as popular as *The New Kids On The Block*? You have to wait and see. On a scale from one to ten, I rate them a 9.5.

You probably heard Harry Connick's name in the news a while ago. But, I am not writing about how he was arrested for transporting a gun illegally over the state line at the airport.

Harry Connick is a jazz singer with soul, has his own band, and is popular. My favorite song of his is *Recipe for Love*. The song has a terrific beat. Try something new. Rent Harry Connick's video *Stepping Out* in your video store.

Schindler's List Is Riveting

by Shariyfah Ahmed

Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List" is a powerful, thrilling drama. This seven-academy-award-winning film depicts the Holocaust. This story is told through a German Nazi businessman (Liam Neeson). Neeson plays Oscar Schindler, a trader of pots, metals, etc. In the movie he uses his business as an excuse to save thousands of Polish Jews. This is a touching, emotional must-see movie.

Wesley Snipes stars in "Sugar Hill" as a well known drug dealer. Snipes tries to escape his violent life while falling in love with Theresa Randle. He and his brother (Michael Wright) run the drug ring in the neighborhood. This realistic, moving film shows how you can change your life from negative to positive. This is a must-see, down-to-earth film.

Guarding Tess Is A Mess

by Vincent Lijoi

This movie review is on the movie *Guarding Tess*. The movie stars Nicholas Cage as service agent Doug Chesnic, who makes the ultimate sacrifice of sticking it out in the service of Tess Carlisle, played by Shirley MacLaine. Tess is a lonely, widowed, former first lady, who can be very annoying when she wants to be. What forms the basis of this movie, with gentle laughs, is the way Doug battles Tess, the way he makes a truce with her, and the way he finally comes to love and respect her. The movie is rated PG-13 and is playing everywhere.

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